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Contract

Provision of Lateral Flow testing devices for the detection of COVID-19 viral antigens

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Lateral Flow testing devices for the detection of COVID-19 viral antigens

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33141625 - Diagnostic kits

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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being exhausted thereby introducing a significant risk to public health. UKHSA has therefore used the negotiated procedure without prior publication under Regulation 32(2)(c) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 to award a contract to Medco Solutions Ltd on 31 December 2021 for £59,500,000.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £59,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

Mass testing using lateral flow testing kits (LFTs) for the detection of Covid-19 viral antigens has become a key part of protecting the economy and saving lives during the Covid-19 pandemic. UKHSA has ensured the supply of LFTs by implementing a Dynamic Purchasing System (as advertised in a contract notice on the Find a Tender Service with reference C22033 on 5 March 2021) and procuring LFTs competitively through that DPS. A further competitive tender through the DPS is currently in progress.

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IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £59,500,000

Lowest offer: £59,500,000 / Highest offer: £59,500,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

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